

Shoulder Knot *Lithophane leautieri* (Boisd.), now widespread and common throughout the county and the Red Underwing *Catocala nupta* (L.) and the pyralid *Myelois circumvoluta* (Geoff.), both of which are locally common.

By contrast, it is comforting to report that in this rapidly changing world, at least one species seems to have remained static in its range within the western half of Britain. *Zeuzera pyrina* (L.), the Leopard Moth, continues to be reported in the extreme south of VC 59, with two records from different sites in Flixton, Greater Manchester during July 2000 (Brian Hilton and Kevin McCabe). Its northern limit has remained the same since at least the 1930s when it was noted in Crosby, north of Liverpool. A single record from Cumbria in 1931 (Kydd and Hewitt, *op. cit.*) is given as accidental.— S. M. PALMER, 137 Lightfoot Lane, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire PR4 0AH. (E-mail: Palmer01@genie.co.uk)

***Atomaria scutellaris* Motschulsky (Col.:Cryptophagidae) in East Suffolk**

Atomaria scutellaris, a beetle with an essentially Mediterranean distribution, was added to the British list in 1968 on the basis of specimens taken in the Scilly Isles by K. G. Blair in 1932 (Allen, A. A., *Ent. Rec.* **80**: 318–326). It has subsequently been reported from Cornwall, Sussex and Surrey, whilst Johnson, in his provisional atlas of the Atomariinae (1993, Huntingdon, Biological Records Centre, p. 59), commented that it now seems to be extending its range inland in southern England.

Confirmation that the beetle is continuing to extend its range was obtained when, whilst collecting close to Freston Wood near Ipswich on 12 July 2000, I beat a single specimen from an old oak beside an arable field. The location is about 300 metres from the River Orwell estuary (OS grid reference TM 1740). This would appear to be the first published East Anglian capture.

I thank Mr S. Paul for permission to record on the Freston Estate and my friend Colin Johnson for confirming that he, too, is unaware of any published East Anglian captures.— DAVID R. NASH, 3 Church Lane, Brantham, Suffolk CO11 1PU.

***Xanthandrus comtus* (Diptera, Syrphidae): new to Shetland**

On 16 September 2000 I was looking for winged migrants at Norwick on the island of Unst in Shetland. Birds were proving elusive, but I noticed that the flowers of the *Rosa rugosa* bushes were covered in hoverflies. I checked several large clumps of *Rosa* and discovered that the flowers were host to many *Episyrphus balteatus*, along with a scatter of *Syrphus* sp. (two specimens taken were identified as *Syrphus torvus*, a single *Meliscaeva auricollis* and *Scaeva selenitica* – all immigrants. However, I soon noticed a shiny black hoverfly, which I suspected was *Xanthandrus comtus*, a species I knew had been recorded in Faroe (J-K Jensen pers. comm.). I collected two of